

--- “Series of 1897” - 100 POUNDS - Black - COUPON - the “Widow Queen” - scanned at 65% scale ---

--- die proof - [ CANADA - F - 35 ] - design is 115 x 60 mm. plus ten 1 pound coupons ---

--- M-415D DP - recess printed on white surfaced light cardboard ---

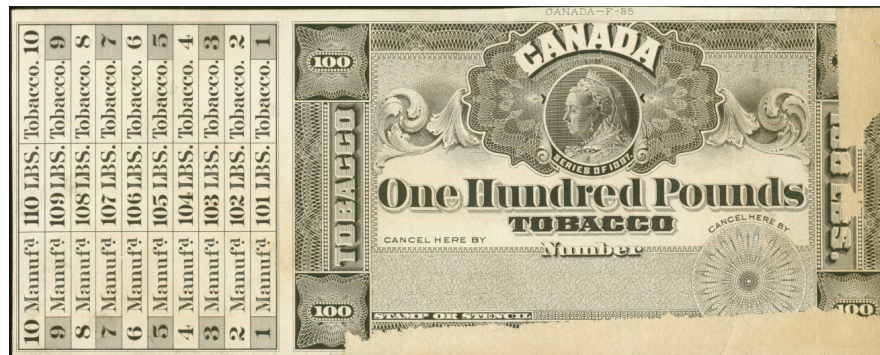
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The catalogue should list the recess printed one hundred pounds black “Series of 1897” Coupon stamp as:

**RM-346a** - 100 pounds, black, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove - 4½ mm. red controls,  
with ten 1 pound coupons and a 190\_ stub - *unlisted*

This is *unlisted* in the catalogue, since the die proof may not have been produced a plate printed in a black ink as a 100 pound stamp. But it still needs a number.

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★ **RM-346a DP** - 100 pounds, the black die proof [ CANADA - F - 35 ], recess printed on light cardboard - in bad shape

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It would seem from the die number on the above proof, that a secondary die containing the ten coupons was prepared. Did this die also include the stub? If the above was a ‘plate proof’ it would not exhibit the die number.

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In a memorandum to *D. Sims, Esq.* (Deputy Minister of National Revenue, Customs and Excise) dated June 8th 1944, *L. A. White* and *C.R. Coombs* record the destruction of plate No. 1 for a one hundred pound “Series of 1897” coupon stamp. The plates were defaced, and subsequently delivered to the Royal Canadian Mint as scrap metal.

The paragraph is taken from information supplied by Chris Ryan. These 5 impression plates were probably arranged as 1 x 5 stamps - JBH.

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